

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Thursday 3 June 2021
LOCATION	Narromine Shire Council

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSWES-84 – Narromine – DA2021/36

515 Tanititha Road, Narromine

The subject development is ‘Designated’ and ‘Integrated’ development and notification is in accordance with Councils Community Participation Plan 2019.

“Regional Development” under Clause 7(a) of Schedule 7 of the State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP) (State and Regional Development) 2011.

The Proposal would comprise:

- Extraction of up to 500 000tpa of granite rock material for a period of up to 30 years;
- Processing of that material to produce products required for road and railway construction, particularly the Inland Rail Project, and other construction projects;
- Transportation of the extracted material from the Project Site; and • continued use of ancillary activities including site infrastructure and construction of water management structures.
- Extraction operations would use standard drill and blast techniques to extract granite. Free dig extraction of clay would also occur for use in blending.

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Garry Fielding (Chair), Sandra Hutton, Graham Brown, Craig Davies
APOLOGIES	Les Lambert
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Emma Yule, Phil Johnston
Other	Jane Gibbs, Kim Holt

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Nature of material
Confirmation is required of the nature of material being extracted, given the proximity to the nearby Redden development where chert is being mined, and is classified as a Schedule 1 Mineral under the Mining Act 1992.

Clarification is required, as it influences the planning pathway.

- Mechanism to quantify extraction rate and amount of transportation

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The Panel raised whether a weighbridge was warranted to track the amount of material extracted, given how close the extraction rate is the trigger from State Significance Development.

Applicant is requested to provide Council information on the quantity of material to be extracted and transported, and the mechanism to confirm these quantities (eg Smart track). This is to be noted in the assessment report provided to the Panel.

- **Traffic and intersection upgrade**

The Panel notes the current unsafe and inadequate intersection at the corner of Mitchell Highway and Tantitha Road, and understands further discussion will be held with Transport for NSW.

In this respect the Panel is concerned about the cumulative impact of multiple quarry operations and Inland Rail construction on that intersection.

- **Biodiversity**

Council indicated that advice had been received from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) that consideration should be given of clearing occurring since 2017 and whether a full Biodiversity development Assessment Report (BDAR) is required.

Management of remnant vegetation on the site should also be considered. Consideration could be given to requiring preparing of a Vegetation Management Plan for the site.

- **Groundwater**

Confirmation and evidence that the existing and proposed quarry extent does not intersect groundwater.

- **Demarcation of extent works**

Given the lack of approval for quarry operations on the site, the Panel considers that having a defined footprint for the quarry operations that is documented using GPS coordinates identifying the extraction areas, is required. This should be demarcated on the ground through a visual indication such as fencing.

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: To be confirmed